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get Drayton
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UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL AT PV DAZE



Mamta Lulla Western Review

The Pembina Valley Daze parade was followed by fun filled activities for the entire family, including the petting zoo. The children and their parents enjoyed petting bunnies, lambs, kittens and chickens. For more photos turn to pg. 2.

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WHAT'S ON?

MUSEUM
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LIBRARY: SUMMER READING PROGRAMS:
July 3 to August 15.
The Drayton Valley Municipal Library is hosting the annual 8-week program for ages 3-12 at the Rotary Children's branch. There will also be programming for the whole family, including movie nights, story time, and special events all free of charge! New this year will be book clubs for ages 6-12 (Charlotte's Web) and 12+ (John Green, the author of the Fault in our Stars) for the avid reader in your family. Look out for our WOW van visits in Tomahawk, Rocky Rapids, Berrymore, and Violet Grove.
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Regular meeting
of Town Council
Wednesday
August 27, 2014
Council Chambers,
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Town Office Civic Centre 5120 - 52 Street | Tel: 780-514-2200 | Fax: 780-542-5753 | Box 6837 Drayton Valley T7A 1A1 | 8:30am - 4:30pm | 24hr Info Line 780-514-2220
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Imagine Drayton Valley

Drayton Valley Mayor and Town Council would like to thank all residents who came out to the Canada Day festivities and provided Council with feedback to our "Imagine Drayton Valley" campaign. This initiative is valuable to Council as it allows priorities to be set and begin preparations for next year's budget. Council asked the public:
"WHAT IS YOUR ONE BIG IDEA TO MAKE DRAYTON VALLEY BETTER?"
Although we feel that the Town of Drayton Valley is already wonderful "Imagine Drayton Valley" helps us discover what residents want for the community. The response was overwhelming!

The public shared many creative ideas including:
• New Aquatic Centre Considerations
• Affordable Housing Projects
• More Special Events, including Family Friendly Events, in the Community
• Expanded Traffic Enforcement for Improved Safety

Council has received the results and is now working towards moving forward with the above initiatives among other recommendations from the public.

Council is looking forward to engaging with the public next at the Community Registration night by asking residents more pointed questions regarding their priorities. If you have advice you would like Council to hear please provide your feedback in person at Community Registration night.

Community Registration Night • September 8, 2014 • 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Mackenzie Conference Centre & Curling Lounge

Just a few reminders...

TRAILERS
Trailers cannot be left unattended on the road.
STREET LIGHTS
Garage sales signs cannot be placed on any Town land, including backyards and right of way or at intersections. Signs can only be placed on private property, with permission of the owner, and must be removed within 72 hrs. of being erected. Signs can be posted at the Community Bulletin board located at the Church meeting area on Industrial Rd.

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The Drayton Valley Library Board is looking for "People of Vision" who would be interested in assisting with the direction of our library. If you would like to be a part of the library's exciting journey into the future, please submit your name to serve on the board. Library board members serve a three-year term. Applications may be picked up at the Town Office Reception Desk, County of Brazeau Reception Desk or the Drayton Valley Municipal Library and should be completed and submitted to the attention of: Gayle Secuta, Library Board Application Drayton Valley Municipal Library, 5120-52 Street, Box 6246, Drayton Valley, T7A 1A7 Fax: 542-5753 Further information may be obtained by calling Gayle at 514-2267.

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Did You Know?

The Town of Drayton Valley has grant opportunities for young athletes in our community. We are currently accepting applications for the Rogers' College Memorial Youth Sports Grant. This grant is for youth competing in Western Canadian, national or international competitions. For more information please call 780-514-2214



Community Event Grants

The Town of Drayton Valley has grant opportunities for local events or initiatives that benefit the community. We are currently accepting applications for the COMMUNITY EVENT GRANT. This grant is for those looking to host a local event to celebrate and support the community or local non-profit groups. For more information please call 780-514-2214



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Local PCN taking shape

Some patient work anticipated to start this fall

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

If two heads are better than one, having an entire group of health professionals put their heads together as part of the Drayton Valley Primary Care Network (PCN) should set this area up for top notch primary care.

Those involved in the PCN, including physicians and other health professionals, will be working together to more effectively and efficiently provide care to patients in three main areas of focus. Drayton Valley Primary Care Network Executive Director Marti Pickett said they hope to be able to do that in such a way that all patients notice is the benefits, not the work going on behind the scenes.

"It was on Feb. 21 that Minister of Health and Wellness Fred Hume joined local officials and doctors to announce the creation of the Drayton Valley Primary Care Network to serve Drayton Valley and area.

A group of local doctors planned the seeds for the formation of a PCN back in 2012 when they got together to look at gaps in the health care system at the time of the announcement. The province committed \$1.7 million toward the establishment of the network, which brings local health care professionals together in a team approach to address care in the community. The goal is to provide patients with more comprehensive care and help health care professionals work more effectively by allowing them to work collectively with each other. Pickett came on board at the beginning of May and since then the PCN has been getting all the necessary governance in place and developing policies and procedures. As one of the last PCN start-ups in the province, the local group has the advantage of looking to other networks for best practices that can be implemented here. Currently occupying office space at Rotary House, the PCN is also searching for its own site and Pickett said there is still work to do before the PCN is ready to start its programs. That includes training for the teams, who will be embarking on something different than how they've worked in the past. "This is a new concept to physicians, their staff and our staff," he said.

Once fully operational the PCN plans to focus on three areas where needs have been identified in the area: mental health, chronic disease management and family planning and obstetrical care. The team can include a host of health professionals from physicians and nurses to pharmacists, dietitians, counsellors and other professionals who can work to create more streamlined treatment for patients.

"I think it's a wonderful step to get the continuity of care people need," said Pickett.

He anticipates that some of the behind-the-scenes patient work needed prior to launching the PCN's programs will begin this fall.

The PCN will begin with the three specific areas of focus, but Pickett said part of the work being done also involves evaluating not just the impact the initial focus areas are having, but evaluation of the ongoing needs of the community. In that way the PCN can evolve to reflect the needs of the area it serves.

Pickett said Drayton Valley and Brazeau County are already fortunate in the physicians they have and he's excited to see how the PCN can help complement and improve the existing health services in the area.

"It does have a big impact on the quality of health care we're able to offer to the public," he said.

For more information on primary care networks go online to www.albertapc.ca.

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The board is currently looking to fill a member vacancy to represent the public; this individual must be over the age of 18 and residing within Drayton Valley. If you are interested in becoming a member, please pick up an application form from the Town Office or contact the town for a faxed copy. Prior applicants will be considered for this position and need not reapply. For more information or to submit applications please contact Rita Bileau.

Mayor's Advisory Committee

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NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FILE: 140-135

The following Development Permit has been issued by the Brazeau County Development Authority. PROPOSAL: Existing single-detached dwelling (155 m²) with attached garage (54 m²). A variance to the side yard setback from 6.0 m (20 ft.) to 5.91 m (19.39 ft.) is granted from the existing single-detached dwelling (155 m²) with attached garage (54 m²) to the side (west) property line. LEGAL DESC: Lot 14 Block 4 Plan 082 1234 within NW 10-49-7-W5M (River Ravine Estates)

Written notice of an appeal for this permit, containing reasons for the appeal, and a \$250.00 appeal fee must be received by the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, either by hand or registered mail, at the Office of Brazeau County by 5:00 p.m., August 28, 2014. For further information, please contact the Planning and Development Department at: 780-542-7667.

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August 30, 2014

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We are currently only accepting liquids (paint, used oil etc.) in a maximum of 5 gal or 20 litre containers. In the future we will be looking at supplying a drop off location for larger containers for processing. This would be independent of the Household Hazardous Waste Roundup.

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- Regular Council Meeting on August 19th starting at 9 a.m.
- Agricultural Services Board Meeting on August 20th at 10 a.m. at the County office.
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting on August 26th starting at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber. Contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-542-7667 for further information. ***Dates are subject to change.
- The Business Visitation Program interviews with regional businesses have been completed and we would like to thank those that participated. Miller/Dickinson/Blais is currently undertaking data analysis which will provide the Municipality with a report for implementation. Contact the Economic Development for further details, 780-542-7777.
- 2014 County Ownership Maps are now available for \$10.00 plus GST. You may pick them up at the Administration office reception desk. ***All Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber and are open to the public. Information about Brazeau County employment opportunities can be found in the employment section or on our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca

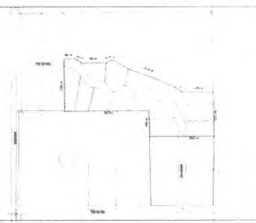
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that Brazeau County Council has received an application to amend its Land Use bylaw by redesignating part of SW 27-49-7-W5M, approximately 12.1 ha (29.8 acres) from Country Residential Suburban (CRS) to Country Residential (CR) as shown on the accompanying map. If approved, the applicant intends to continue with a subdivision application for the redesignated area.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed redesignation may ask questions or make their views known. The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

Any written submission mailed or delivered to Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1 or faxed to 780-542-7770 by 4:30 p.m., August 8, 2014, will be included in the Council Report. Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County if you make a written submission, the information you provide may be made public; subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. A petition may be filed with the Brazeau County Chief Administrative Officer as outlined in sections 219-226 of the Municipal Government Act, prior to the commencement of the Public Hearing.

A copy of the Country Residential Suburban District, Country Residential District and this Bylaw is available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Planning & Development by telephone (780) 542-7667 or by e-mail at planning@brazeau.ab.ca



PASSING THE BUCK



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Kirk Handbury and Michelle Haine of ConocoPhillips present a cheque to Marti Pickett, environmental science and reclamation co-ordinator (far left) and Robyn Anderson, environmental education co-ordinator from the Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council.

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Maurita Lallie
Western Review

Brazeau County council briefs

FOREIGN WORKERS

Reeve Pat Vos declared a pecuniary interest ahead of a discussion Brazeau County Council had regarding temporary foreign workers.

Coun. Rita Mair told council that MLA Diana McQueen had encouraged councillors to write letters regarding the concerns of local businesses in the area due to a moratorium in certain aspects and changes to the temporary Foreign Work Program asking the government to solve the issue as soon as possible.

"There's restaurants starting to claim now that they're starting to have to go back to limited hours," said Mair.

Coun. Shirley Mahan pointed out that all sides should be considered before making a decision. She said because temporary foreign workers are willing to work for less money, they end up with Canadian jobs.

"We're not paying Canadian workers what the going rate is because it is easier to get foreign workers. So what you're having in the end is that in particular a lot of workers working up there don't understand English, and it's a big problem right there," she said.

Coun. Marc Gressler said he believes the letter could suggest that this particular region needs foreign workers.

"Yes, we understand the issues in the program but we don't want the moratorium to be here for the next year, eight months because that will stifle our economy. Not only here, but throughout Alberta but we still want a fair, equitable program at the same time. So encouraging minister to get on with it rather than holding it up," he added.

Council decided they needed more information before deciding to draft a letter. A motion to table the concern until Aug. 19 and come back with more guidelines and summary of the program was passed unanimously.

OHV BYLAW

During the public hearing for a proposed OHV bylaw the public came to the co.-act chambers to discuss pros and cons.

The current OHV bylaw 693-09 has denied access to ditches and the use of roads for OHV users, other than for work related activities such as fixing fences or road construction.

Brazeau County was considering replacing bylaw 693-09 with the new bylaw 841-14 that will allow OHV users access to ditches and right of ways. Some residents were satisfied with the proposed new bylaw, while others raised concerns.

One resident raised safety concerns such as headlights, taillights while others raised noise issues.

Some public members wanted clarification while agricultural producers came down to encourage the county to make a clear distinction between recreation and agricultural use for the off the highway vehicles. Some of them noted they were safer on the shoulder of the highway instead of ditches.

Councillors heard all the concerns and Reeve Pat Vos said Brazeau County will be

considering the detailed notes that were submitted by the public. The issue saw more than 10 speakers during the public hearing.

The bylaw didn't go to second reading, with council deciding to consider the issue and revisit it before passing a new bylaw.

HANNEMAN AREA STRUCTURE PLAN

A public hearing will be held on Sept. 16 regarding the proposed Hanneuman area Structure Plan. The plan will provide the framework and policies for future development for south of Hwy 39 and east of Range Road 84 in an area of approximately 34.1 acres.

The area structure plan is required because the developer is proposing a multi-parcel country residential subdivision.

The developer is also required to hold a public open house ahead of the municipality's public hearing. The open house will be held on Sept. 3.

MEETINGS TO BE ARRANGED

Meetings with MLA Diana McQueen, and representatives from Alberta Transportation and Environment and Sustainable Resource Development will be requested to discuss the operation of the Hiernorm and the Buckholz gravel pits. Council heard that some approvals for modifications are required to re-route river channels that are jeopardizing the survival of an existing permanent road.

JOINT SNOW REMOVAL WITH DRAYTON VALLEY

Last week Brazeau County Council tabled a motion to enter into a three-year agreement with the Town of Drayton Valley for snow removal.

The agreement would include both municipalities providing snow removal on the other's roads. This would allow continuity in snow removal as opposed to snow removal crews having to stop at their respective municipality's boundary even if it's in the middle of a road.

Staff told council last week that Brazeau County's public works department workload would not be negatively impacted, as crews are already travelling the subject roads to access other areas.

The agreement, which would be similar to one entered into for the 2013/14 winter season, would involve Brazeau County being responsible for more kilometres. An invoice for those additional kilometres would be sent to the town.

Entering into a three-year term would eliminate the need to revisit the issue each year.

Councillors opted to table the motion until the Aug. 19 council meeting to the councillors could discuss some of the costs for the three-year agreement.

LOGPOLE WASTE TRANSFER SITE WILL REMAIN FOR RESIDENTS ONLY

Brazeau County has denied a request from Environment and Sustainable Resource Development asking to dispose of waste from its fire base camp at the hamlet's waste transfer station.

Current policy is that the waste transfer station only accept residential waste. In its report to council staff noted that the amount

of waste would normally be low due to few people stationed at the camp, that could climb if personnel at the camp increase due to a fire. There was concern that the additional waste could increase the county's cost of removing the waste at the transfer site.

Council instead suggested ESRD could look

at contacting a private company to rent a bin, similar to what some businesses in Lodgepole do. It was agreed to send a letter to the provincial department.

See BRIEFS on pg. 7

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TWP 481

Township Road 481 has been added to the road request list after concerns were raised that the road is 1.5 metres lower than the two roads on either side. Twp 481 between RR 50 and RR 52 was previously discussed at the Apr. 15 meeting.

AMEND DEFINITION OF HOME OCCUPATION "MAJOR"

Council gave first reading to a proposed amendment to the definition of Home Occupation "Major" in the Land Use Bylaw. If approved the amendment would remove the reference to vehicle weight in the current definition and revise it to restrict the number of commercial class vehicles and associated trailers with no weight restrictions. The public hearing and possible second and third reading for the proposed amendment have been scheduled for Sept. 16.

CITIZEN BUDGET

Some of the councillors were intrigued by an online tool to involve residents in the decision making process. The base cost of the tool would be about \$1,750. More information and further investigation was required. A motion was passed to have Director of Corporate Services Brenda Christie to explore the idea further with a demo of the program. For more information go to citizenbudget.com.

GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT TO GO TO RFP

Council has approved a request to allow administration to put out a Request For Proposal to an updated geotechnical assessment and floodplain study for the area of Birchwood Village Greens.

An engineering firm would give a scope of work for such an assessment and an estimated cost. Administration indicated to council that having a study done for the entire area would be more beneficial than dealing with issues on a piecemeal basis as development permits are submitted. The geotechnical assessment on the lot for that area is more than 10 years old and the most recent floodplain study is 27 years old.

INCREASING SERVICES

Coun. Shirley Mahan told her colleagues that a recent meeting in Violet Grove had residents noting that they would like to see increased RCMP services in the area due to recent break-ins. She said the group indicated they will arrange for meetings once a month concerning the issue.

Reeve Pat Vos said Brazeau County had agreed to increase RCMP services previously by funding an additional officer for the detachment's General Investigation Section. She said she would like to see a report on the impact that position has had. Council indicated it would look at the issue again during budget deliberations.

RURAL INTERNET

Director of corporate services Brenda Christie came forward with a concern about mapping taking place by CCI Wireless. The mapping is identifying underserved or not serviced parts of the province when it comes to internet.

As a company Christie said CCI won't be sharing information of these findings from the study.

"So if we don't know the areas that are underserved we could lose out on grant dollars when they're doing this study," said Christie.

"They could say Brazeau County is currently served and that might not be accurate and so they may not provide funding for us to select areas."

Brazeau County, portions of which are serviced by CCI, has received grant dollars for the municipality to use to invest in rural communication infrastructure to help to help provide service to areas in the county that currently don't have access to quality service.

A motion was passed to educate the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties of the issue.

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New contract means EPAC renos will soon be back on track

Anyone who has walked downtown in the past several months could be forgiven for thinking that work on the Eleanor Pickart Arts Centre had been abandoned far from being completed.

After many years of waiting for work on renovations, to complete the transformation from old movie theatre to performing arts centre, plans were broken into phases. Phase I got underway last year with the unveiling of a new stage and updated theatre last December. Work to expand the footprint of the building to accommodate, in part, new washrooms, was started. However, for months that's where things have stalled.

Earlier this year the general contractor had to give up the project due to personal reasons. Since then the orange barricades and signs warning of deep excavation have become a staple of the downtown street.

But it looks like workers will once again be on the site in the near future. Last week Drayton Valley Town Council approved an agreement with a new contractor to complete Phase I work.

The completion of work will create an addition to the community's

arts and performance venues that's more functional and appealing than it has been since initially opening as a performing arts centre. It will also add something valuable to a downtown core that has made strides since municipal money was injected into improvements, but has fallen short of the initial vision.

With work also underway to renovate the building that anchors the corner of 51 St. and 52 Ave. there will be a lot of activity going on over the coming months. The result of that activity will be new points of interest to draw people to the downtown area, something existing businesses should welcome and work to build on.

The EPAC Society has been hosting successful performance series over the last few seasons. The completion of Phase I of renovations will mean the aesthetics of the facility will come closer to matching the calibre of talent, both local and visiting, that it brings to the community.

Renewal, and hopefully the expedient completion, of work will have many benefits to the EPAC Society, the arts and culture community, the facility's downtown neighbours and the Town of Drayton Valley, by providing a community facility in the core of the town.

All the (short) single ladies

While I was pulling a load of laundry out of the dryer last week, I realized I had a problem — a short single girl problem.

It was the sheets that did it. As I stood there trying to make my proportionally short armpits bring together two ends of the queen-sized sheet I was attempting to fold it was abundantly clear it's an activity made far more productive with two.

As someone with roommates that's usually not a problem, but they were out of town last week leaving me to the face the sheet struggle alone.

After several attempts, with increasingly haphazard results, I decided I simply needed to accept the fact that my sheets will never have the crisp creases that come with the perfect fold only accomplished by four hands. I will have to come to terms with the burden of perpetually rumpled looking sheets.

"What does it matter, anyway?" I asked myself. "They're only going to get put in the closet."

Ah, the closet. Another storage space rife with short single girl problems.

Closets, inevitably, come with top shelves. People, inevitably, possess far more belongings than can ever be accommodated on the lower shelves. Priorities have to be formulated and my array of nail polish easily trumps bed linens. So, as I



There and Back
Courtney Whalen

stood there clutching my lumpy pile of clean sheets I faced one of the most daunting tasks someone without a taller spouse to aid them can encounter — attempting to shove or relieve something on a high shelf.

Every short single girl worth even half her stature in gold owns a stool to assist in these struggles brought on by their solitude. However, before resorting to the anxious task of going into another room to retrieve that height aid I decided to first try my luck at a far more daring manoeuvre, which involves flinging the item in my hands with a hopeful optimism it will land securely on top of the other items on the shelf.

Subsequently, as the majority of said items proceeded to rain down around me, dislodged by the force of my throw, I couldn't help but mutter to myself, "Seriously?" Isn't this one of the main functions of a man? To fetch things otherwise beyond my reach? I need to look into

getting one of those, because this is ridiculous.

Determined, I begin the process of severely redefining several sets of sheets before retrieving the stool and stacking them on the now accessible top shelf.

While those are only two of many examples of short single girl problems around the house (don't even get me started on cupboards above the stove where wine glasses are kept), these problems are not contained to the relative anonymity of the home.

A solo trip to the store is short single girl problem 101. Retail stores love putting the exact item I want on the top shelf and then pushing it back from the edge JUST enough so that I can see it, but can not get it even while standing on tip toe and horribly overextending my arm. There's no other course of action than some acrobatics.

As I'm jumping into the air, arms wildly flailing about in hopes of connecting with the desired object, I come to the realization that this is how Chihuahua feel whenever people hold their toys or treats just out of reach. I vow never to play that horrible trick on the compact canine again.

Just before I give up my determination to be independent and ask the next tall person who passes by to fetch me the item I want.

Short single girl problems — the struggle is real.



opinion

Thursdays can be fun too

Last week was the same old, as usual work, work, and then some more work kind of week. But there was an exception. Let me tell you something, fantastic things can happen after work on a Thursday night!

Two weeks ago, I received an e-mail from the publisher stating that I could enter a draw to win tickets for a show. I didn't reply to the e-mail until a colleague pointed it out to me and convinced me to enter. So I did.

Turned out, I won. Two tickets worth \$200 each to Cavalli Odyssey held in Edmonton. Needless to say I took my colleague, Sarah, because it's not like I have could get a hot date or anything.

Sarah was also supposed to get a new truck that week so we thought we would make a day out of it.

Excitement was pumping through me, while Sarah was trying to drive her new truck. When I asked why she seemed so lost, she said I would probably cry if I had to give up Lana and get something new. Point made. So I let her be for a bit while I'm trying to figure out her sound system while she was driving.

We were a little late because Sarah's truck is huge and the Nervous Nelly didn't know her way around the city roads.

Thanks to the top-notch navigation system in the truck, that Sarah won't listen to because she has



Mamma's Musings
Mamma Lulla

a mind of her own, we made it to the parking lot. There were two entrances to go in and of course, the driver of the new truck chooses the entrance with cones laid out in front of it. She looks to her right and tells me "Go get those cones! Hurry!" So I do as I'm told while throwing a hysterical fit. As soon as we parked the truck, we saw a police car with an officer at the next entrance. Luckily enough, he was busy with another car. Meanwhile, we're tuning as far as we could from her new truck and into the big white tent, inside which was the show. This was no ordinary tent. It was 125-feet tall, according to the program.

In one sentence, this horse show was beyond beautiful.

To begin with, there was a big screen and by big I mean the size of three IMAX screens, which was used as a backdrop. The imagery on the screen changed from desert to rain, to mountains or clouds with lighting at the top, that complemented every scene. I sat in my chair holding my bag and thinking this is how time travel would feel like, not

to mention I had the jitters to probably match the emotion.

There was one particular setting that included a forest, meaning the entire stage in front of us turned into a green/brown camouflage. Horses came out of the wilderness with the performers who wore dreamy costumes, while the screen was filled with stars. In the moment I was thinking, bring out all those people who say technology is taking us far from nature because in this ironic setting, it was taking me right into a forest, minus the bugs. I was sold.

To top it off, there was live music to the performance. The musicians sat behind a glass, playing violin, drums, guitar, flute, saxophone and other instruments that I wouldn't even know to name.

The performance featured acrobats, dancers and riders from different parts of the world and more than 60 horses, according to the program.

At the end, the stage turned into a lake with a horse and a rider dancing to the music followed by everyone doing the same.

Did I also mention that we got unlimited dessert, popcorn, cheese and wine? Yes, there was an open bar because we were VIPs (for once in our lives anyway).

Our night ended with a smooth drive back to Drayton with the tunes of Aerosmith's Livin' on the Edge, music that Sarah and I could both agree upon.

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opinion

Welcome to the jungle!

The warm months are a busy time for us Albertans. We can finally come out of hibernation and venture outside without looking like the Michelin Man. The same is true for the Eagle Point Blue Rapids Parks Council (Parks Council).

From May 1 to June 30 we're busy delivering educational programs to school classes before the much awaited summer holidays.

This year, the Grade 8s from H.W. Pickup searched for pond creatures and used a chemical kit to determine the water quality of a stream in the Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area. Grade 1 students from a number of elementary schools learned about "Marvellous, Misunderstood Bats" and went on nature hikes with the Parks Council in search of Boreal For-

est flora and fauna. Grade 4 students learned about plants and growth on an interpretive walk while Grade 6 students searched for geocaches during our "Trees & Forests" program. The list goes on! Another thing the Parks Council loves about summer is all of the awesome outdoor recreation events going on around Drayton Valley.

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Around the water cooler...

We hate to see it, but stores have started putting out all their back-to-school items. That must mean fall is fast approaching! Luckily we have a few more weeks to enjoy the summer, let's be sure to make the most of it.

We want to start off this week with some big congratulations to local Joanne Nelson. The wonderful world of Facebook informed us that Joanne was recently recognized by Petro Canada with a GSA of the Year Award. She was nominated by the local Petro Canada for all the hard work and dedication she brings to her job. Awesome job!

We also want to take some time to send huge, and we're talking HUGE, thanks to a wonderful local lady whose green thumb is legendary. We found out last week that Heather Renison is stepping away from the local Communities in Bloom committee. Heather, along with all the other volunteers who make up the committee, put in hours and hours to this organization that has had huge success over the past few years. Her enthusiasm, expertise and commitment to Communities in Bloom will certainly be missed, but we know she will be finding many other ways to continue to improve our community. Thank you for all you have done in your years on the committee, Heather!

The Drayton Valley Municipal Library is wrapping up its summer family programming this week and they're going out by taking a trip in time. An Aug. 16 for the weekly Family Extravaganza activity that has been running all summer, the library will be taking families over to the Drayton Valley and District Historical Society Museum for a tour starting at 1 p.m.

The next day the Rotary Children's Library will be closing out its Family Movie Fridays with a showing of Around the World in 80 Days, also starting at 1 p.m.

Don't forget about a new event coming to Drayton Valley this year to help in the fight against cancer. On Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., residents and their four-legged companions can take part in the Bark For Life event taking place at the ARC Bank Park. To take the opportunity to tell cancer it's barking up the wrong tree contact Julie Barrie at 780-437-8407 or e-mail edmonton.barkforlifecanada.ab.ca for more information or to find out how to register.

We always welcome your birthday and anniversary wishes so that we can include them in the water cooler. Send them to countrywhale@shaw.ca or call Courtney at 780-542-5380.

That's it for the water cooler for another seven days. Have an amazing August week!



Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council
Get Active! Get Outdoors!

event is free and welcome to people from all walks of life, especially those with mental or physical disabilities?

Some other great events that took place this summer were the 2014 ABA 3D Provincial Archery Championships hosted by the Brazeau Bowhunters Archery Club, the Monthly Fun Ride and Barn Dance hosted by the DV Horse Club, Annual Trail

Ride for Cancer also hosted by the Horse Club, and the Bears Run hosted by the Pembina Nordic Ski Club.

Each of our recreational clubs also host weekly or monthly events open to members, such as paddles with the DV Paddling Club and Monthly fun rides with the Brazeau ATV Club.

The Parks Council isn't just about fun and games (although that constitutes A LOT of what we do around here) - we also help to co-manage the Eagle Point Provincial Park and Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area with Alberta Parks. We provide a voice for our community to ensure the land is protected for future generations to enjoy. We make sure everyone has a place to play outdoors, from OHV enthusiasts to horseback riders to interpretive trail users.

Recently, we've joined forces with Brazeau County on updating the Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. If you would like to provide your input on how recreation and open spaces should be managed in Brazeau County, visit our website or call the office for more info.

When Axl Rose sang "Welcome to the jungle. We got fun n' games" he probably wasn't referring to outdoor recreation in the Boreal Forest - but we think the statement describes us pretty well. Welcome to the Eagle Point - Blue Rapids Park System, we got lots of events and activities to satisfy your outdoor recreation cravings.

Get Active! Get Outdoors! with the Parks Council and visit www.eprparksandcouncil.org or call 780-898-7275 for more info.

P.S. the Parks Council would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who made this year's Parks Day Celebration / Adaptive Parkland Challenge a success!

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Rural communications a priority for Brazeau

Brazeau County identifies communications as a utility

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

Roads are what connects people, allowing customers to get to businesses, bringing friends and family closer to each other and transporting goods to where they need to be.

The same can be said of the Internet and mobile communications. Roads need to be constructed and maintained in a municipality to ensure continuing growth and Brazeau County is saying the same is true with rural communications.

The municipality has taken the step to identify rural communications as a utility essential to the county and is moving forward with the location and construction of towers that will improve access to services such as Internet and mobile communications. With the service now labelled as a utility, Brazeau County is looking at making the capital investment of constructing three towers in 2014 with additional infrastructure to follow in subsequent years.

A series of public information sessions were scheduled to inform residents and get their feedback. The first of those was held Aug. 5 at the Brazeau County office, with meetings in Lodgepole on Aug. 11 and Cynthia on Aug. 12. Last Tuesday council was well represented at the meeting, as were local service providers including Telus and CCI Wireless. Only a few residents were in attendance at the session.

Vitel Consulting is working with Brazeau County on its Rural Communications Strategy and Allan Bly was on hand to talk about the commitment the municipality is looking to make to bring this newest utility to residents.

"That is a big step for a county," said Bly of Brazeau County identifying the provision of rural communications as a utility.

The construction of new towers, of which the municipality plans for a mix of Tier 1 to Tier 3 as part of the network, will create a 20-30 year capital asset for Brazeau County. Once constructed, service providers, private enterprise and public safety organizations will be able to collocate on county towers for a fee, helping to offset the cost.

This year, in addition to the Tier 1 tower in the vicinity of the Brazeau County office the municipality is looking at constructing a Tier 2 tower in the Cynthia area and Tier 2 tower in the Lodgepole area to provide coverage for broadband, mobile, public safety and private enterprise in those areas.

Brazeau County Reeve Pat Vos noted that industry users in those areas are already mazing out whatever is currently available in their operations.

It is anticipated the county will require two Tier 1 towers, the one planned for the Brazeau County office, with meetings in Lodgepole on Aug. 11 and Cynthia on Aug. 12. Last Tuesday council was well represented at the meeting, as were local service providers including Telus and CCI Wireless. Only a few residents were in attendance at the session.

Brazeau County anticipates the accommodation of the provision of rural communications through municipally-owned towers will serve existing residents and businesses, as well as being a tool for economic development and business attraction and retention.

Brazeau County is also working with other municipalities, learning from what has already been implemented in other areas and looking at ways they can work together moving forward.

For more information on Brazeau County's plans for rural communications go online to <http://www.brazeau.ab.ca/ruralcomm>.

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RCMP briefs

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in the RCMP briefs that appeared in the Aug. 7 edition of the Western Review under DRIVER CHARGED.

A driver stopped by police on July 25 was facing charges related to impaired driving.

The Western Review apologizes for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

POLICE SEEKING INFO

AFTER ARMED ROBBERY
A man armed with a gun entered the Poplar Ridge Store last week.

A female employee who had been in the store when the suspect entered called police around 4:15 a.m. on Aug. 5.

No one was hurt, but the man did leave with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The robber is described as a white man, between 5'9 and 6' tall with pitted skin (not acne), bushy eyebrows and a deep voice that was shaky at the time.

At the time of the robbery the man was wearing blue coveralls with reflective tape at the ankles, a black hoodie with a white string and rubber boots.

RCMP are asking anyone with information on the robbery or the identity of the suspect to contact them at 780-542-4457, or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

MAN OPTS NOT TO GO TO JAIL, GETS ARRESTED

A man who had been allowed to serve a custodial sentence on the weekends was arrested over the long weekend by Drayton Valley RCMP after he failed to show up for his scheduled jail time.

The man was deemed to be unlawfully at large after not reporting to Fort Saskatchewan to spend the weekend in custody. He was found by Drayton Valley RCMP members while attempting to hide from them near a local grocery store.

He was apprehended and arrested.

PYLON PRANK DANGEROUS
Drayton Valley RCMP received two separate complaints from motorists on the long weekend about construction pylons on Hwy. 22 that had been moved.

Police attended and, along with the help of a local tow truck driver, repositioned the pylons to their proper locations.

Last week Drayton Valley RCMP Cpl. Marcia McDermott said while moving pylons may seem like a funny prank, it can have serious consequences for motorists.

Relocated pylons could result in collisions and injuries to those who are relying on them to guide them around the construction zone.

Given the time of the complaints, around 3 a.m., the danger is heightened

due to the darkness of the area, she noted.

McDermott also cautioned motorists to be aware of pylons and where they may be directing them, in case someone other than construction crews has moved them.

NOT A RESTFUL WEEKEND FOR POLICE

While many people were enjoying a small break for some rest over the August long weekend, Drayton Valley RCMP members were busy.

Between approximately 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 1 and 6 a.m. on Aug. 5 Drayton Valley RCMP received 106 calls for service.

"Thankfully it wasn't serious collisions or incidents with serious injuries," said Cpl. Marcia McDermott.

However, it made for a very busy weekend for officers.

DIRT BIKE STOLEN

A dirt bike was reported stolen in Rocky Rapids last week.

A 2007 KTM 50 Senior Adventure children's dirt bike was taken from the back of a truck parked in the hamlet.

BEWARE PHONE SCAMS
A man contacted police after being the victim of a scam last week.

The man was contacted by someone claiming to be a representative of Telus, informing him there was money owing for a service. The man gave the person on the phone a credit card number to cover the alleged expense. It was only afterward he realized the phone call was not legitimate.

BYLAWS ADD ANOTHER TOOL
Two bylaws on the books with the Town of Drayton Valley give RCMP additional tools to work with.

Those bylaws include the Town of Drayton Valley Curfew Bylaw. Under that bylaw children and youth under 16 years of age are not permitted to be in public places without adult supervision after 11 p.m. Exceptions include if the child is working or volunteering, or on their way home from a supervised event.

Although there are fines attached to bylaw, Drayton Valley RCMP Cpl. Marcia McDermott said it's not something officers will be going out and actively enforcing, but it does provide a tool officers can use. And, if required, it can and will be enforced.

The Town of Drayton Valley Noise Bylaw also includes a section geared specifically to loud and disturbing noise from vehicles. That includes the racing of any motor vehicle within the Town of Drayton Valley, operating a vehicle in a manner where the tires deliberately squeal, or any excessive noise that disrupts other residents' enjoyment of their property.

Bylaws can be enforced by RCMP, the town's municipal bylaw officer or community peace officers.

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This is a public notice advising landowners in the above area that the Council of the Town of Drayton Valley has received applications to amend the Aurora Area Structure Plan and to rezone the lands municipally described as 3720-50 Avenue. These changes could allow the existing residence to be demolished and a 17-unit townhouse development to be created.

Council gave first reading to By-Laws No. 2014/05/D and 2014/06/D at its Regular Meeting of Council on April 23, 2014 to amend the Aurora Area Structure Plan and to rezone the land described as:

LOT 8
BLOCK 83
PLAN 012 3488
EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS
FROM: R1E - Estate Residential District
TO: R3 - Medium Density Residential District
as shown on the accompanying map.

A copy of the Bylaws may be examined at the Civic Centre during regular business hours. A Public Hearing for these Bylaws will be held before the Regular Scheduled Meeting of Council, in the Council Chambers at the Drayton Valley Civic Centre, at 9:00am on August 27, 2014, for the purpose of hearing any objections, recommendations and/or complaints pertaining to the proposed amendments.

Objections should be submitted in writing prior to the hearing. Those written submissions which have been received before the designated time will be discussed at the meeting before further presentation will be recognized.

Residents are encouraged to attend. Should you have any questions with regard to this proposed Bylaw please contact Jennifer Martin, Planning & Development Officer, at the Town Office at 514-2121 or by email at planning@draytonvalley.ca.



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FOUR DECADES OF SERVICE



Martha Lulla Western Review

Brazzaville Maintenance Supervisor Lloyd Woloszyn was recognized for the 40 years he has worked at the municipality last week when Reeve Pat Vos presented him with a long time service award at last week's Brazzaville Council meeting.

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MAN JAILED FOR BREACHES, THEFT

A man will be serving his 45 day jail sentence on the weekends after pleading guilty to four charges last week in Drayton Valley Provincial Court.

Stuart Lloyd pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, theft under \$5,000 and two charges of breach of probation.

The drug possession charge came on July 25 after the 39-year-old was found in possession of half a pill of oxycodone after being arrested on an outstanding warrant.

After being placed on probation in September the court heard that Lloyd continually failed to report when and where he was directed, resulting in two separate charges.

He was also arrested earlier this year after Drayton Valley RCMP received a complaint from a local clothing store on Feb. 26. The store had video surveillance of a man, identified as Lloyd, putting a t-shirt in his pants and then leaving the store without paying.

After pleading guilty, Lloyd was asking Judge John Higgerty to consider allowing him to serve his sentence intermittently, on weekends. Lloyd addressed Higgerty himself and said he's attempting to get his life back on track in order to be involved in the life of his young child. He told the judge he is currently in the process of getting his business back up and running and working with agencies to get more involved with his son.

He said he was "pleading" with the court to allow him to serve his sentence intermittently to accommodate the steps he is trying to take.

Higgerty sentenced Lloyd to 45 days in jail on one of the breach charges, 30 days in jail (to be served concurrently) on the other breach charge and seven days in jail (also concurrent) for the theft. He was issued a fine for possession of the oxycodone. The sentence will be served on weekends.

"I'll take a chance on you, that you're being legit," said Higgerty.

MAN CAUGHT IN TRUCK JAILED

A man, who was arrested after a complaint to police of a man breaking into a parked vehicle, will spend more than a month in jail.

Last week Jeffrey Butler pleaded guilty to two charges of breaching probation and an additional charge of mischief.

The probation-related charges stem from him failing to report as required as well as failing to show up to court for a scheduled probation review.

His mischief charge relates to a complaint received by Drayton Valley RCMP on July 31. That day RCMP attended a residential area of Drayton Valley after receiving a call that a man was breaking into a parked truck. The caller said the man had also been observed trying the doors of other vehicles in the neighbourhood to see if they were locked.

When police arrived Butler was found

inside the truck. The owner of the vehicle subsequently came out to confirm that a number of items in the vehicle had been taken from where they had stored and collected into a plastic bag.

Crown Prosecutor Christine Palmer, noting Butler has an extensive criminal record, was asking the court to consider a 75-day custodial sentence.

Butler told Judge John Higgerty he needs to get help for an addiction problem that is the main factor in his criminal activities.

"Basically all this stems from is, I have a pretty serious drug problem," he said.

While he acknowledged that, Higgerty noted that Butler's problems are spilling over and impacting the community negatively.

Palmer noted that seeking help for addictions issues is part of the probation order Butler remains under.

Higgerty sentenced Butler to a total of 45 days in jail on the charges.

MAN SEES HELP AFTER BEING CHARGED

A man with close to three times the legal limit of alcohol in his system when he was pulled over by the police has taken steps to address his problem he told the court last week.

On May 19 police noticed a vehicle driving erratically and straddling the centre line. When they stopped the vehicle they noticed the driver, Kyle Blackwood, was showing signs of being impaired. He was arrested, charged and taken back to the local detachment for a breathalyzer test. His lowest reading was 210. The legal limit is 80.

Last week the 23-year-old told Judge John Higgerty he was grateful the incident didn't lead to "the detriment of anyone but me."

He also said since that day he has remained sober and had documentation of a number of treatment steps already taken to address his problem with alcohol. He has moved to Calgary in hopes of entering nursing school, however the application will be affected by his criminal conviction, he noted.

Higgerty issued him a \$1,500 fine and a one-year driving prohibition.

DRINKING AND DRIVING LEADS TO FINE

A man was fined last week after pleading guilty to driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in his system.

On June 13, around 10:40 p.m. Drayton Valley RCMP were called to reports of a truck that had rolled onto its side. Witnesses told police the driver was out walking around, but appeared to be impaired.

When police arrived, Darin Skarra was in the ambulance being checked by EMS personnel. He was identified as the driver of the truck. Police noted signs of impairment and he admitted he had been drinking. After he was released by the ambulance crew he was taken back to the RCMP detachment for a breathalyzer test. His lowest reading was 180. The legal limit is 80.

Last week he was issued a \$1,500 fine and a one-year driving prohibition.

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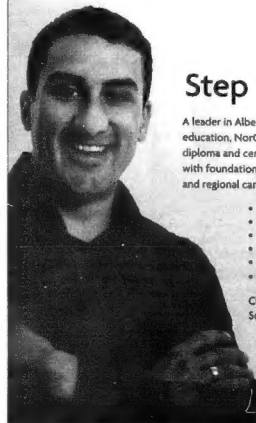
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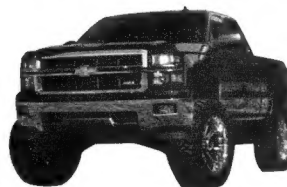
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WARM HEARTS ON A WARM DAY



Marta Lulia Western Review

Soup Kitchen was dishing it up to the community with cupcakes. Warming Hearts served cupcakes with heart shaped frosting and a free barbecue lunch for the community to enjoy at the Rotary Park on Aug. 10. Put together by the organization to give back to the community, the event was sponsored by local businesses for the second annual year. About 175 people showed up last year and the organizers hoped for the same this year.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE FOR PROPOSED HANNEM AREA STRUCTURE PLAN

Brazeau County has received an application to adopt the Hannem Area Structure Plan which guides land use and development around SW 9-49-6-W5M. The Hannem Area Structure Plan identifies how and what type of development will proceed on the lands, servicing and infrastructure requirements, surrounding land uses and environmental considerations.

You are invited to attend a Public Open House to discuss this proposal. Public input will be used in determining how Brazeau County proceeds with the application.

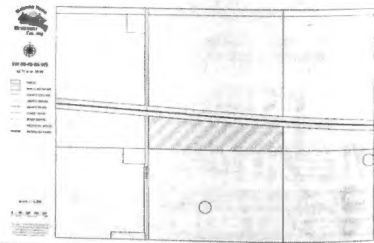
By attending the open house, you can share your input and talk to the applicant, Mark Hannem, about the proposed Hannem Area Structure Plan. The proposed area structure plan will be available on the County's website www.brazeau.ab.ca from August 6th.

This event is open to everyone. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-542-2667 or planning@brazeau.ab.ca.

Venue: Ramada Inn, 2051 50 Street (near the Esso), Drayton Valley, AB

Date: September 3rd, 2014

Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



Sports

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Skills on display at third annual competition



45-Skatepark was host to a BMX and skateboarding competition contest on Aug 9. The contest, in its third year, saw talent among the youth taking part and awarded them for their skills. ABOVE: Marcus Taylor showing off his tricks, or "shredding the gnar." BOTTOM: All the winners lined up after the competition as they received their prizes and medals.

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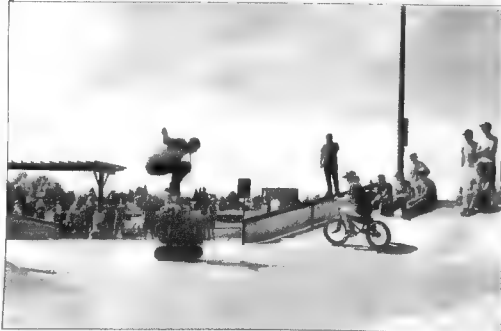
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SKATEBOARDERS/BIKERS PUT ON A SHOW



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ABOVE: Seth Shelley (right) giving the golden board for overall championship to Marcus Taylor (left).
BELOW: Showdown began Aug. 6 afternoon where young people came out for BMX and skate competition while the onlookers enjoyed the show



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NEWS

CROWDS TURN OUT FOR NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND



Marta Lulla Western Review

Country legends Nitty Gritty Dirt Band were in Drayton Valley on Aug. 8 and the crowds lined up to see them at the sold out show in Ompa II. Fans waited patiently in line to take their seats to hear favourites like 'Fishin' in the Dark' and 'Cadillac Ranch'. The Western Review wasn't permitted to take photos for publication during the performance.



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Fire Services briefs

Courtney Whalen
Western ReviewREPORTED FIRE TURNS OUT
TO BE LARGE BONFIRE

A call about a potential wildfire turned out to be nothing more than a very large bonfire in Brazeau County last week.

The Drayton Valley Brazeau County Fire Services were called out around 12:15 a.m. on Aug. 3 for the report of a fire at the end of Twp. Road 494. When crews arrived they found the fire was a large bonfire that had been started at the location. It was extinguished by firefighters.

That call was one of only three received between July 30 and Aug. 6. On Aug. 1 two members of the fire services attended to a local seniors facility at the request of EMS to assist them with a patient.

Then, on Aug. 4, an alarm call was received from a residence in Drayton Valley. The alarm turned out to be the result of cooking.

GRILLING GUIDELINES

On any given night during the summer months the air is full of the smell of residents grilling up dinner on the barbecue. The results are often delicious, but barbecuing can come with its own set of risks for those not looking out for their safety.

Last week Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services Fire Chief Tom Thomson said a study done in 2013 showed that 60 per cent of all households in Canada had a barbecue and 97 per cent of those used them on a regular basis.

The majority of those tend to favour gas or propane barbecues as opposed to a charcoal barbecue, revealed the study.

Although there haven't been any fatal fires reported as the result of barbecue use in recent years, there are people injured every year while at the grill, mostly with burns or lacerations.

Thomson said there are safety tips that residents should follow right from the beginning of the process until after you've grilled the delicacies are consumed.

It's important to note that propane tanks need to be replaced every 10 years. If you're particularly attached to your tank, at the 10-year mark it needs to be inspected by a certified inspector to make sure it's still usable. If they sign off on it, you will be good for another

decade.

When taking your tank to get refilled it should always be in an upright position with a cap covering the output connector. Tanks should never be transported in the passenger area of a vehicle and smokers should stay far away when they're lighting up.

Once you get it home the tank should be stored outside and off the ground if possible. If it's not a new tank be sure to check carefully for rust or any damage to the cylinder.

"If it has a dent, don't use it because the container is compromised," noted Thomson.

Before actually firing up the barbecue make sure to check all hoses and connection points for leaks or damage. The best way to check for leaks is to use a spray bottle with soap and water and look for bubbles. Never turn the propane on and then use a lighter to check for gas leaks.

Make sure your barbecue is clean and remove grease build up to lessen the chance of flare ups. The same goes for charcoal grills. It may be necessary to remove the lava rocks to completely clean the grill and if the rocks are covered in grease, they should be replaced.

Be sure your barbecue is well away from any flammable items such as siding, fencing, patio umbrellas, etc. For those using barbecues on an apartment or condominium balcony they also need to be aware of other residents above and beside them and the risk an out of hand barbecue flare up or fire poses.

You're finally ready to fire it up. Open the lid of the barbecue before lighting to avoid a gas build up. Open the main valve on the tank before turning the dial on the barbecue to light. If you are unable to get the grill lit, shut everything off, wait 10 to 15 minutes for the gas to dissipate and then try again.

Once you've got the grill lit, stay put. Thomson said residents should never attempt to move a barbecue once it's going.

When everything is cooked just so, turn off the dial and the tank before heading in to eat.

"Both should be in an off position," said Thomson.

While digesting your meal take the time to clean the grill and be sure it's cool before putting a barbecue cover on it.

As a final reminder Thomson said barbecues should never be used indoors.



Public Notice - Photo Enforcement

The Town of Drayton Valley is providing 2 months notice of the intent to use automated traffic enforcement technology for Enforcement of Speed, Red Light, Stop Sign Violations and may also include Distracted Driving and Pedestrian Crosswalk Enforcement.

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Program helps train and retain local talent

NorQuest College's Administration program has helped some graduates find jobs locally

Marta Lull
Western Review

Some post-secondary students now have the option to study and hopefully work in the community without having to move to go to college or find jobs.

NorQuest College's Administrative Professional Certificate program offers education through the Drayton Valley campus and comes with placement opportunities and, if you're lucky enough, a job right after.

"The work practicum offers

opportunity to go out in the business world to practice what you've learned," said Phil Chatters, Community Relations Manager with NorQuest College in Drayton Valley.

The program runs for five months where students are expected to attend classes for four months full-time and do their practice with businesses right after.

The practicum is unpaid and usually companies hire the graduates he said.

"Uptake by local employers is very strong, they call in and ask when the next batch is coming up," he added.

The program started in September 2013 and had its first batch of students graduate early this year. Chatters estimated about 80 per cent of graduates found jobs.

Independent Electric and Controls Ltd (IEC) in Drayton

Valley hired two graduates, one of whom completed her placement with the company.

"I think the program provides an opportunity to continue your education at home, instead of feeling that it's mandatory to leave your community. The administration program provides the initial foundation of skills that can transfer into the workplace," said IEC Process/Training Manager Charlene Markowski.

Twenty-year-old Cierra Swartz, who was hired by IEC, said the program helped her go in the direction she wanted.

"I thought it was really nice (not having to move) and it was less expensive. But it depends on what course/program you want to take. I think they should offer more programs locally," said Swartz.

Her colleague, 19-year-old Alanna Pischke who did her

placement with IEC and was hired after, agreed.

When asked if she would have been able to find a similar job without the program said she didn't think so.

"Putting time and money into this course also just kind of helps prove that you're interested and serious about an administration job. It also definitely provided a solid foundation and helped me understand a lot of the basics so I wasn't completely lost my first few days," she said.

Markowski said the timing was right as IEC was hiring when the graduates became available for employment.

"I wasn't familiar (with the program) but after being approached by NorQuest we agreed to participate in the placement requirement at Head Office (Drayton Valley branch) and found it an excellent experience for both the student and IEC," she said.

Markowski agreed the program helps keep the local talent at home.

"I would consider NorQuest graduates for future positions if they arise."

The program teaches essential office skills and basic office practices for any business. Chatters said it is ideal for high school graduates or for mature adult students who may want to enter the workforce after child rearing or are simply looking for a change of job.

NorQuest College plans to introduce more programs locally with the introduction of power engineering once the Clean Energy and Technology Centre opens up in late 2015.

"We'll be bringing more industrial training and fill those wanted ads in the paper," said Chatters.

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community

City youth introduced to outdoors by SCI

SCI Drayton Valley
Special to the Western Review

On June 21 the Drayton Valley Chapter of Safari Club International, in conjunction with Chabela's Edmonton, was very pleased and privileged to host 20 youth from the Crystal Kids Youth Centre situated in Edmonton at their local fishing pond.

It was a very nice Saturday afternoon. The kids from the centre, many of whom had never fished before, were truly excited to be enjoying the great outdoors. There were many smiles on their faces and excitement in the air as practically

all of the children spent the afternoon catching rainbow trout in the SCI pond. For some it was their first time to see a

For some it was their first time to see a frog hiding under rock, digging for worm bait, or just simply enjoying the peace and quiet that the outdoors provides.

The chapter hosted a barbecue lunch for the children and staff of the Crystal Kids Youth Centre and Cabela's, and also arranged the busing for them to and from the dock. Cabela's also treated the children by providing each child with a fishing rod.

All of these efforts were done by the SCI Drayton Valley Chapter and Cabela's Edmonton hoping that the childrens'

visit to the fishing pond would lead them to an appreciation of, and desire to be in, the natural environment.

This was a remarkable day with wonderful memories made knowing that the efforts of a small few were making a tremendous impact in the lives of our youth. SCI Drayton Valley looks forward to a continued partnership with Edmonton Cabela's in hosting another group of inner city children at a future date.

For further information on the SCI Drayton Valley chapter please visit the website at www.scidraymentvalley.com or contact Chapter President Coby Mahan, at 780-542-7864.



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Herbicide Application Notice

Weyerhaeuser Company Limited has received approval from the Department of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) for the application of glyphosate herbicide (Vision Max) on mixed wood and conifer plantations to control grass and other competing vegetation in the locations listed below:

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Twp 48 Ranges: 14	W5M
Twp 50 Ranges: 13	W5M
Twp 51 Ranges: 9, 10, 13 & 15	W5M
Twp 52 Ranges: 10 & 12	W5M

What: Post harvest application of glyphosate herbicide (Vision Max) within mixed wood and conifer plantations to control grass and other competing vegetation.

When: Operations to commence mid August 2014 finishing by the end of September 2014.

How: Aerial application of glyphosate herbicide using helicopters.

Should you have any questions please contact:

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The Drayton Valley chapter of Safari Club International teamed up with Cabela's Edmonton earlier this summer to bring 20 youth from Edmonton's Crystal Kids Youth Centre out to the SCI fishing pond where they spent the afternoon outdoors catching rainbow trout.

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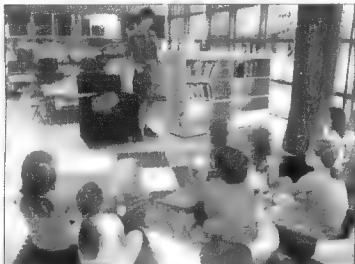


Earlier this summer 20 youth from the Crystal Kids Youth Centre in Edmonton spent a day at the SCI Drayton Valley Chapter fishing pond thanks to the local organization and Cabela's Edmonton.



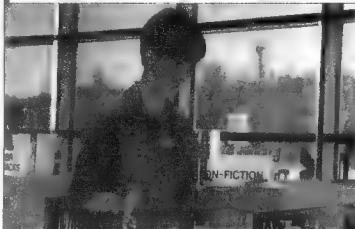
NEWS

TIME FOR A TALE



Mamie Latta Western Review

It was story time at the Rotary Children's Library on Aug. 7 when children gathered around storyteller Renee Englot from Edmonton. The afternoon included stories, crafts and paper airplane activities to keep little hands busy.



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48	14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22	W5
49	18, 20, 21	W5
50	18, 19, 20, 21, 23	W5
51	23, 24	W5
52	22, 23, 26, 27	W5
53	25, 26, 27	W5
53	1	W6
54	21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	W5
55	18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26	W5
56	17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 26	W5
57	17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26	W5
58	23, 25	W5

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advice



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Finding employees can be difficult, but there are several resources available to employers to help them fill the open positions in their business.

Help for employers is out there

Dear Working Wife:
As a manager of an independent hotel, I constantly struggle to find good people. And the new restrictions on the temporary foreign worker program will not make it any easier for me. Is there any help out there for small business owners? Signed: Hopeless Hotelier

Dear Hopeless:
The federal government is tightening the temporary foreign worker program to ensure that it benefits all Canadians — employers and employees. You can read more about the changes at www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/jobs/foreign_workers.

The overhaul of the temporary foreign worker program, combined with Alberta's low unemployment rate — the second lowest in the country — will make it challenging for some Alberta employers to find and keep the skilled workers they need.

And the staffing challenge is only expected to get tougher as waves of our most experienced workers begin to retire.

Due to our growing economy and aging workforce, Alberta is expected to face a shortage of up to 96,000 skilled workers within the decade.

But don't lose hope, help is available.

First, check out the staff attraction and retention tips in the Employer Tool Kit at <http://work.alberta.ca/employer-toolkit.html>.

Second, connect with your local Alberta Works Centre.

There are 55 of these employment centres located across the province. Many centres host free job fairs to help connect employers with local job seekers. They may also offer opportunities to profile your business to job seekers and career counsellors who work in the centre. You can find your local Alberta Works Centre at <http://humanservices.alberta.ca/offices>.

Third, post a free job ad or find out about upcoming job fairs and staff recruitment workshops for employers on local Alberta Works social media channels, including:

- Calgary: <http://twitter.com/CalgaryJobbed>
- Edmonton: www.facebook.com/CentralAlbertaJobs
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Fourth, visit the Alberta job fair web page to discover free and low-cost job fairs happening in your community at <http://humanservices.alberta.ca/jobfairs>.

Fifth, try posting a free job ad on the Canada-Alberta job bank web site at www.jobbank.gc.ca.

Sixth, visit <http://alberta.ca/canada.com/employers> and put the 'Help For Employers' resources to work for you.

Finally, get in touch with an Alberta Government Workforce Consultant. Workforce consultants specialize in helping employers tackle staffing challenges and navigate all of the available employment services.

A Workforce consultant can help you:

- Providing information on how you can tap into hidden labour pools.
- Offering helpful publications full of staff attraction and retention tips.
- Informing you of upcoming low cost staff recruitment best practice workshops.
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You can get in touch with a workforce consultant today by calling the toll-free Employer Hotline at 1-800-661-7753 or e-mailing the Employer Hotline at AFWorkforce@alberta.ca.

Good luck!

— Do you have a work-related question? Send your questions to Working Wife, at charles.sirachy@novus.ca. Charles Sirachy is a manager with Alberta Human Services. This column is provided for general information.



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Manage the risks so you can enjoy your backyard

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During the summer months, children spend countless hours playing in their backyards. There are many potential hazards in the backyard that can result in injuries. Protect your children by managing the risks.

Survey the Yard

- Make sure all fence gates are

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- Have a fence separate the play area from the driveway and garage
 - Use only on grass
 - Make sure the area is free of obstacles and debris
 - Teach children to slide sitting up and not to walk or run on water slides.
- Sandboxes**

- Check sandboxes regularly to make sure they are in good repair, with no protruding nails or splintered wood.
 - A sandbox cover is recommended, especially if pets roam freely in your neighbourhood.
- #### Swimming/Wading Pools
- Never leave children unattended in or near water.
 - Empty and turn over any-

- Fence all backyard swimming pools. The fence should be at least 1.2 m (4 ft) high and have a self-latching, self-closing gate.
- Dog Bites**
 - Do not leave children alone and unsupervised with dogs.

- Teach children not to tease or strike any dog and to be cautious around unfamiliar dogs.
 - Teach children not to disturb dogs, especially when they are sleeping, eating or caring for puppies.
 - Teach children not to take toys, sticks or food from a dog.
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- BACKYARD** from pg. 28
Play Equipment
- Actively supervise all young children.
 - Remove drawstrings and scarves from children's clothing.
 - Properly secure equipment to the ground.
 - Set up backyard swings and other play equipment on a shock-absorbing surface (i.e. sand, wood chips or rubber mulch).

- Put railings around all decks that are more than one metre off the ground.
- Limit height of the equipment to less than 1.8 m (6 ft).
- Check equipment for gaps, worn, loose or broken parts.
- Teach children the basic rules of safe play.
- Always wear shoes.

- Remove bike helmets when on equipment.
 - Slide down feet first and sliding up. One person on the slide at a time.
 - No pushing or horseplay on playground equipment.
 - Wait your turn.
 - Hold on with both hands when swinging and climbing.
- Practicing

- Store all lawnmower fuel, po-
chemicals, and other hazardous sub-
stances in a locked area.
 - Have only non-toxic plants
in your yard.
- Lawnmowers/Power Equipment**
- Keep children out of the yard
while mowing the lawn.
 - Do not allow passengers on a ri-
ng lawnmower.
 - Turn off the mower if childre

- Ensure power tools are turned and left inoperable if they must be left unattended, even for a short time.
- When using a barbecue, establish a line around it that children cannot cross.
- Properly lock up barbecue grills, propane tanks, lighter fluid, barbecue lighters, matches, and charcoal.

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Last October, your government in Ottawa reached a historic Agreement-in-Principle on a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union. Now I am pleased to report that last week we have reached a completed text for the agreement.

Both Canada and the EU are committed to bringing this agreement into force as quickly as possible so that our businesses and workers on both sides of the Atlantic can benefit from increased trade, opportunities and job creation. The next steps are the trans-



**Yellowhead
Report**
Rob Merrifield
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Canada's historical and cultural ties with the EU make it an ideal partner for a comprehensive and ambitious free trade agreement. The EU, with its 28 member states, 500 million people and annual economic activity of almost \$17 trillion, is the largest and most lucrative market in the world. It is also the world's largest importing market for goods: the EU's annual imports (\$2.3 trillion) are worth more than Canada's GDP, which

The people of Yellowhead and those across Alberta stand to benefit significantly from this preferred access to the EU market. The EU is already Alberta's fourth-largest export destination, after the United States and China. CETA will eliminate tariffs on almost all of Alberta's key exports when CETA comes into force and provide access to new market opportunities in Europe. Exporters will also benefit from other CETA pro-

- New markets for agricultural and agri-food products
- EU tariffs eliminated on metals and mineral products
- EU tariffs eliminated on machinery and equipment
- More buyers for chemical and plastic products.

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Make the backyard a fun place for your family

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- Store all lawnmower fuel, poisons, chemicals, and other hazardous substances in a locked area.
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- Ensure power tools are turned off and left inoperable if they must be left unattended, even for a short time
- Barbecue Basics:
 - When using a barbecue, establish a line around it that children cannot cross.
 - Properly lock up barbecue grills, propane tanks, lighter fluid, barbecue lighters, matches, and charcoal.

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Also, CETA will make it easier for Albertans to invest in the EU and vice versa.

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More than that, we consult regularly with municipalities to ensure that all levels of government worked together to arrive at an agreement that will benefit all Canadians. Also, government officials held hundreds of meetings with stakeholders to give updates on the status of negotiations, answer questions and to ask for input and views on specific issues.

With CETA, Canada will be the only G-8 country and one of the only developed countries in the world to have preferential access to the world's two largest markets, the EU and the United States — giving our customers access to more than 800 million of the world's most affluent customers.

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MANIKISTARTS GIANT ROBOT PROJECT

Alberta's Phil Allen loves robots.

Seven years ago the grandfather built his "giant killer robot." Patrons on his property just outside of the town of Crossfield's lanes.

Weighing in at about 408 kilograms, the Juggernaut Series Robot, also known as G3H-001, stands nine-foot tall and is a commanding presence to passersby.

The robot, which Allen affectionately refers to as "part of the family," has garnered much attention — with articles in newspapers across the country and visits to downtown Alberta and Calgary, where people are fascinated with the heavy-duty construction that looks like something out of The Jetsons.

But Allen, a Canadian Forces Veteran with welding and construction experience, isn't satisfied with his inaugural project. He's now keen to "sink his teeth" into the creation of a fully functional robot based on his completed prototype.

Allen envisions the new robot, which will use an electric hydraulic robot chassis, would be put to use for heavy-duty jobs, perhaps in mining, police work, the military or even asteroid mining.

"I want for the hero guy," he said. "I use an avatar-like setup where you are hooked up and you drive him more or less. He could be up and running in very short order."

Allen says his newest project, which he figures will weigh in at 1,650 kilograms, will be capable of "hemming down and picking up a car."

Allen's love for robotics began early.

"I grew up with science fiction in the Lost in Space era," he said, adding he was the proud owner of the 1960s Zenoid toy robot that zoomed around, capturing the young boy's imagination.

A book he read in Grade 5 fueled his love for robots — heaving like his life.

"It found me, basically," he said of his love for creating robots. "I can't do anything

about it."

But life got in the way of his passion.

After his time in the Canadian Forces, Allen started working as a welder and soon realized he needed to branch off on his own.

But Allen realized there are many people who are skilled in welding and construction and was determined to find his niche.

"One day it was like 'ding' you need to build a giant killer robot," said Allen.

That was about six years ago. Patrons took about a year to build — out of scrap material Allen had on hand — and was completed in 2011 for very little economic output.

"It built his new project won't be so cost effective. In fact, Allen has set his budget at \$150,000. It's an amount he doesn't have on hand."

So Allen has set out to raise the money on a crowd-sourcing site called Kickstarter.

The project is listed on the site at www.kickstarter.com/projects/588028301/giant-robot-project-g3h-002 and people can get involved up until Aug. 24.

Allen encourages people to take the opportunity to build the robot to the project.

"If you are interested in actually seeing robots — because they aren't out there — then it's right here waiting for us. It's as if," said Allen, joking that the next chance might be when "black bodger" robots come to round people up.

He explained the new robot will be a full disclosure project, and members will be allowed to see the "robot republic."

Allen said he hasn't decided what he will do if the funding doesn't come through, but added he already knows what a hockey jersey would look like with the unveiling of his functioning giant robot already known as the "robot republic."

For more information about Allen's robot, visit his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/therobotrepublic.

MAKING PEACE, SEPARATING JUSTICE
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Angel, always smiling, never angry, always life.

Those are a few of the words expressed by the family and friends of Colton Crowhose, the

18-year-old aboriginal man who police say is Calgary's 50th homicide victim, during a vigil at the Pikaia Nation Community Hall on July 31.

Family members and friends gathered the hall in Brocklebank from the town down and had posters of Colton, taped on in a cross-shape, and the word "Justice."

"Colton was the one that always had a smile," said his father, Jimmy Crowhose. "He was the one that made everybody smile. And I respect my son, for who he was, for how he lived his life."

"It hurts me the most because I can say to me that Colton was an angel," he said to more than 100 people at the candle-light gathering.

The young man was found dead in a pond on July 24, 20 days after he was last seen by family and friends.

Calgary Police Services confirmed Crowhose was killed after they identified him and performed an autopsy but did not provide further details.

"It breaks my heart," Colton's aunt Kym Crowhose said. "I know I just break my heart."

Even though Colton lived in Calgary most of his life he had close ties with family and friends in Pikaia.

Many people shared stories of Colton, the energetic, "happy-go-lucky" kid who asked his aunt to burn overgrass when away from his father and drew stick art on his snowman.

"Colton never left the house without saying 'I love you,'" Lilian Crowhose said. "He would call me from the other room and say 'Aunty, I'm leaving, I love you.'"

Jordan North Peigan wore a hockey jersey emblazoned with Colton's name on the back to the vigil.

"I thought I could do a little something for him, so I could give it to his dad when everything is over," he said. "It's just a memory of who he was. Every body signed it who knew him and cared about him."

The jersey was covered in signatures and messages by the end of the evening.

Call to bring Colton's killer

to justice were heard during the memorial. Mourners also asked if his aboriginal background influenced why it took police so long to start looking for him.

"That's what we want," Dianna Progan said, who helped organize the vigil. "We want the truth. Let's hear the story."

Colton's father also claimed that two days before his son disappeared the young man was detained by police and returned home with marks on his face.

"He shouldn't have been labelled as a delinquent, a troublemaker."

"It was a good kid," said Kym Crowhose.

In a statement, Police offered condolences to the Crowhose family but said they would not comment on the allegations and were focused on the homicide investigation.

Every day has been a struggle since his son went missing, Jimmy Crowhose says.

"I was praying and hoping every day to find my baby," he said. "It hurt me, but what really kept me going was everybody else hoping on Facebook and Twitter. The prayers were there for him. And that's what kept me going, (were) the prayers. And the prayers were there. That's why I kept going every day. I kept looking, hoping and praying every day I would find my son."

"We want justice. We want the truth... we want him to be a person who represents every one who is missing as well," said Dianna Pe.

see PFP on pg. 32

Public Notice Proposed Project: Alder Flats South No. 2 Receipt Motor Station



NGLT anticipates filing a Section 58 Application with the National Energy Board (NEB), in the third quarter of 2014. Subject to NEB approval, construction is anticipated to begin in early in 2015 and last approximately three weeks.

We invite you to contact us with questions or concerns. If you would like more information about the proposed project, please contact:

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When purchasing a pre-owned vehicle from a car dealer, they reputation is your best guarantee of things go well. Safety inspections are required on all vehicles to ensure they are safe and mechanically sound. Dealerships will have a copy of the Carfax which will show any title or damage records and the registration history. It will also show you if the vehicle has ever been stolen. The dealership generally knows the service history of the vehicle and in most cases offer some sort of warranty on pre-owned vehicles.

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WHAT IS A "MEDICATION REVIEW?"



Linda MacKinnon
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Your pharmacist might ask if you would like them to complete a medication review of your current medications. The pharmacist will then sit down with you and go through every medication you are on, including herbal medications and vitamins. They might ask you a bit more about your medical history and medical conditions.

They might also take your weight, blood pressure, and blood glucose. They could even send you for blood work if there is anything that needs to be checked. These comprehensive medical assessments serve a number of purposes. Your pharmacist will ensure that all of the medications that you take have a purpose, that they are not causing you adverse effects, and that they are not interacting with anything else that you're taking. At the end of the review, you get a handy list of the medications that you are on to keep with you. Medication reviews are paid for by Alberta Health Care and are a great way to ensure that your health is on the right track.

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Linda MacKinnon
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Death itself is never pleasant and as an Embalmer the challenges I face are many.

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HIIT training can be done anywhere. If you have any cardiovascular or other health concerns that limit your ability to exercise at very intense levels, check with a certified personal trainer or see how to advance safely with HIIT.

HIIT can be used for athletes to make improvements in their respective sport by the choice of training elements may be specific to meet the demands of that sport or activity.

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NEWS

News from across the province

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HINTON RCMP ASK FOR HELP IN SKULL MYSTERY
 Hinton RCMP are now asking for the public's help in a mysterious case involving an bizarre family reunion.

The skull was brought to the Hinton RCMP by the Groeneveldt family, who found the skull in February 2013 while cleaning out the garage.

"It's not every day people turn a skull in to the RCMP detachment. It is a different file for sure," said Cst Melanie Roppel of the Hinton RCMP General Investigation Section.

"At this point we aren't looking at it as foul play or as a criminal investigation, we're just looking to find out where it came from so we can have it sent back to the family it belongs to."

The skull was found when Andrew Groeneveldt's family was cleaning out his father's garage in February last year. According to Groeneveldt, the skull belonged to his father Leo, who passed away many years ago. The family immediately contacted the RCMP and turned the skull over to the authorities.

The skull allegedly came in to Leo Groeneveldt's possession at a party in Hinton in the late 1960s or early 1970s. He was a volunteer firefighter in Hinton at the time.

The RCMP is still trying to corroborate the story and looking for anybody with information about a party in Hinton at that time where a human skull was being passed around.

After receiving the skull, RCMP sent the evidence to their lab to conduct the necessary testing. The tests were able to find out that it was indeed a human skull, but where it originated from is still a mystery.

"We managed to get a DNA profile for the skull, but we don't have a match for it," Roppel said.

"We're kind of left still looking for the identity of this skull and that's why we're appealing to the public to see if anyone remembers where it came from."

THORSBY WAITS ON WORD FROM PROVINCE
 Leduc Residents

The residents and administrative staff of Thorsby are waiting eagerly for a decision from Municipal Affairs on whether or not the village will be granted a municipal incorporation report.

The village has requested that Municipal Affairs conduct a review of the village's operations following a number of contentious developments that unfolded over the winter and spring months of 2014.

Accusations of budget mismanagement and ugly relations between village administration and residents, including the former village fire department volunteers who resigned en masse in February following the firing of their chief, underscored a petition signed by hundreds of residents seeking provincial intervention.

The petition was later deemed ineligible by Municipal Affairs, though an official request for an inspection by the village council kept hopes alive.

"I led the Village of Thorsby not passed a motion requesting a municipal inspection, no inspection would have taken place, because the petition was insufficient," said Thorsby chief administrative officer Jason Garlepy.

Municipal Affairs staff visited the village over June 24 and 25 to conduct preliminary interviews of council members, Garlepy and the original petitioner. The department is currently assessing the interviews and is expected to decide whether or not a full inspection will take place by the end of August.

"Council's open to it," Garlepy said. "For the municipality it's like receiving a free consultant... who are we to refuse provincial assistance? No municipality is perfect and we certainly know that we have room for improvement, and if we can bring a group of experts in to take a look at our processes and our bylaws and administration and the public can work better together, who wouldn't want that?"

advice."

If conducted, the inspection would analyze the village's inner workings and relationship with its residents, and would produce a report making suggestions for any necessary reforms.

Though no official word has come down, Nicole Howatt, the resident who cobbled together the initial petition, is feeling optimistic. "I have a pretty good feeling that some sort of inspection will be done. How thorough it will be is anyone's guess," Howatt said.

Howatt also said residents' tempers have begun to cool. A contract with an external firm, Transitional Solutions, hired to conduct administrative duties in lieu of an on-staff chief administrative officer, was cancelled in March after issues between the firm's employees and members of the fire department, chamber of commerce and individual residents came to light. Two council members, Katherine Buhr and Glenn Taylor, resigned in March in the midst of the turmoil. In June residents Ken Beleshko and Bob Burnett were elected to fill the empty seats on council to help reform the village's budgeting process.

Complaints persist, however, especially in regards to the village's new, higher water rates, passed in the early spring, which Howatt said are pricing some residents out of the community.

"I definitely hope that some positive change comes out of all of this. With the outrageous taxes and now the water hike, Thorsby has become unaffordable for the average family to live in. I know that I am not alone in saying that families are having to pack up and leave for a more affordable place to live," Howatt said.

The rates were increased initially to set the water utility on a self-sufficient footing, without requiring funding from municipal tax assessments. Council and administration are hoping to keep the utility self-supporting, but are currently looking at ways to reduce the burden on residents.

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GIRAFFE IS BACK FOR RUNNING OF THE BULLS
Strathmore Standard

With ambition to be Strathmore's first two-time champion of the fan-favourite event Running of the Bulls, Eric Hanson was driven to throw on his giraffe costume for the eighth year in a row and push through the pain of a broken rib he had sustained when one of the bulls stomped all over his body the day before.

Soured by Red Bull and adrenaline, he took to the arena on Aug. 3 taking a page out of 19-year-old Logan Weir's book, who took home the \$1,000 on Aug. 2 after judges were amazed by his ability to bounce back and keep the bulls engaged through all three rounds.

It was Hanson's constant encounter with the animals and an entertaining finish, complete with being covered in slobber, that blew the judges away allowing for a quick and unanimous decision among all five judges. While clutching the \$1,000 in his hands, Hanson couldn't help but wear a wide grin on his face having defended his title by beating out more than 70 participants in the process.

"That was a great time, holy smokes, that's what I was aiming for to be the first two-time champion in Strathmore and finally it happened," said Hanson. "I didn't break a rib today at least. Yesterday I got run over pretty good, but today I just got in and close and had a good time."

Inspired by the famous event in Pamplona, Spain, where a small group of bulls run through the town's streets, the competition has become a staple at the Strathmore Stampede since 2003. Every year nearly 100 participants from all over the

world make their way to Strathmore and dress up in costumes, proudly wear their Running with the Bulls t-shirts, and push their limits as they get trapped inside the arena with a number of brawny bulls.

And while the local event isn't as dangerous as the one in Spain, many, like Hanson, didn't leave unscathed. During the weekend some left with injuries including a broken rib, a broken nose, a bloody face, and one man who had to be taken away on a stretcher — risks participants are aware of before entering.

However, winning the prize isn't a feat of athleticism or incurring a number of injuries. Instead judges are looking at the individual.

"It's actually in the personality of the individual that's running," said Pascal Del Guercio, rodeo chairman. "If they get a little bit aggressive and if they want to get out there and have some fun, they'll probably win \$1,000 — not stupid but aggressive."

Having grown up on a farm 15 km away from Strathmore, Hanson is no stranger to being around these powerful animals. With his little in mind, Hanson decided he would take any chance and sprint even if that meant he couldn't keep his meal down — a scenario he said wasn't far off.

While the judges had a hard time coming up with one winner on Saturday, they said it was a no-brainer on Sunday.

"Today was fantastic it was much easier than yesterday because we were all unanimous even though we had a tie, so all five of us kept saying the same thing and then at the end when Giraffe was just going for it, we said 'ok it's giraffe,'" said Karl Fulek, with Strathmore Lake Estates who was chosen as

one of the judges.

"It was great today. I asked him at the end, so rumour has it you broke a rib and he said 'yep' and he showed it to us. That was a pretty powerful performance for a broken rib."

Newly cashed up again, Hanson was planning to spend some of his winning celebrating and save the rest. As for next year, he already has his eyes set on becoming a three-time champion.

STOLEN PUP LEAVES COUPLE DEVASTATED
Edmonton Examiner

A local couple is desperately reaching out to the community for help after their beloved puppy was stolen last month. "It's like losing a child," said Natasha Korosi, choking back tears, adding the grim possibility of never seeing their dog again is too hard to bear. "I can't handle that reality. I just want my dog back."

When their roommate was taking out the trash from their west-side apartment near Stony Plain Road on July 22, Anna, their eight-month-old Chihuahua-corgi cross, snuck out behind him at around 5 p.m.

When Korosi returned home from work less than an hour later and realized her puppy was nowhere to be found, she and her boyfriend Jeremy Ward started a frantic search through their entire community.

"We've lost our son," said Ward. "I still wake up every morning to go outside and have a smoke, and I take the leash with me. I wake up in the middle of the night to look around for the dog, and he's not here."

Their search took Ward to the nearby Walsh's No Frills grocery store where the manager on duty allegedly reported seeing the dog running around their store only a half

hour prior. A man, whom the manager reportedly said was a regular at the store, picked up the puppy in the parking lot outside and offered to take him to the Edmonton Humane Society.

Their dog has not been seen since. "I just want to find him, I want to know he's OK," said Ward. A spokesperson with EPS confirmed that police believe the dog has been stolen, but video footage from the store parking lot was too poor quality to offer any helpful clues,

such as an image of the suspect.

The manager of the store declined comment, but a police spokesperson said he had described the suspect as a 25-year-old Caucasian male, around 5'6" tall with a slim build, short blond hair, last seen wearing jeans and a T-shirt. He is said to be a regular at Walsh's No Frills at 10126 150 St., just blocks away from the owners' apartment.

The couple said they are beyond anger, and just want their puppy to come home safe and sound, no questions asked.

"We just want our dog," said Korosi. "He's my baby, he's our baby, he's family, he's not just another animal. He has a home." While the crime itself technically qualifies as theft under \$500, the couple said the loss of their puppy has been devastating, and are asking anyone who may have the dog in their custody show compassion.

"Please, give us our son back," Ward said.

Police said without any new leads, their investigation is essentially stalled.

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When and how you choose to water your garden is important, both for your plants and to conserve water. Photo courtesy Mark Cullen

Beating the heat

It is mid summer and someone eager to turn the heat up. The hot and sticky days of summer that we normally experience are not my favourite for working in the garden, so I am not unhappy about the cooler than usual weather.



Mark Cullen

The cool evenings and regular intervals of rain notwithstanding, there is no reason to have to rush home to water the lawn and garden. Alas, there really should be no need. We rush home to fix dinner, let the dog out and feed the fish. Hydrating the hydrocarbons should not be on your list of things to do at home for. One thing that I can predict with some certainty is that the long, warm days of mid summer are always followed by the cooler evening temperatures and shorter days of August. Heavy morning dew provides the ideal conditions for cutting fresh grass and laying sod. You can get at this job any day now. If we do hit a short dry spell you may have garden plants that are wilting before your eyes. Some plants speak to us by drooping their leaves like a child who dries their knuckles on the kitchen floor, peering for another cookie. Plants pour too. My redbecks and hydrangeas pour all of the time when it is hot and dry. Like a responsible parent, I don't always pay attention. Put another way, I don't choose to ignore them, I just don't respond to them in a panic. When you do water your garden do it between sunset and sunrise as much of the water that passes through your lawn sprayer mid day is lost to evaporation. Water deeply. Apply H2O using a slow mo device. I made this work up to describe the wide variety of great prod-

ucts that are on the market designed to slowly eke water to the root zone of plants. These are designed to be economical (as they save you water) and effective (as they move water to the root zone of plants, where it is needed). Some of the slow mo products include: Weeping hoses. A hose with perforations in it that allows water to seep out slowly, not in a stream but more like a sponge that soaks water when it is full. Weeping hoses are made of either a tough synthetic fabric or recycled rubber. Both work best when they are buried under a 6 cm of bark mulch. I prefer the fabric ones as they last longer under the extraordinary hose pressure that I have at my place. Heart Breaker. This is a Canadian designed water sprinkler that pulverizes the water into a mist and delivers it low, in a circular pattern and without a 'hollow' effect (where a portion of the ground beneath the water being applied is missed, creating a drought of dryness surrounded by wet). Look for the Mark's Choice line up at Home Hardware. In-ground watering systems. Watch out for these as they can waste more

water than a leaky faucet. If you own one, I recommend that you turn off the timer, unless it is one of the new 'smart timers' that knows when it is raining and the ground is already wet. One of my pet peeves is to see lawn sprinklers blasting away while the rain is pouring down. This happens in industrial parks all of the time. Turn on your in-ground lawn and garden sprinklers when the ground is dry, not until. And, I repeat, turn your lawn watering system off during a drought. It just does not make sense to try to keep a lawn active when it wants to sleep. Forgive me for saying this once before, but it is important to know (and most people don't) that all plants need oxygen at their root zone. When the soil around their roots dries out, the spaces between soil particles are filled with air (oxygen) and the roots are allowed to breathe. This is a very good thing. Odd as it may sound more plants are killed by overwatering than underwatering. I have learned this based on more than a few years of retail gardening. I use rain-barrel water on all of my container plants and I think that their performance demonstrates the benefits very well. Wacky weather patterns aside, do your garden and yourself a favour by watering smartly and only when (and where) absolutely necessary. — Mark Cullen appears on Canada AM every Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. He is spokesperson for Home Hardware Lawn and Garden. Sign up for his free monthly newsletter at www.markcullen.com.

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DOROTHY MYRTLE CROPLEY

June 12, 1927 – August 1, 2014

On Friday, August 1, 2014 at the Drayton Valley Hospital Dorothy Cropley aged 87 years beloved wife of the late Lester Cropley passed away.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter Myrtila George, grandchildren Kelly (Derek), Michael, Charmaine and Shelley as well as 7 great grandchildren, as well as her sisters Beatrice, Lorna and Marion as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband Lester, a brother Vic and a sister Evelyn.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 9, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Drayton Valley Funeral Services-Tinnet Chapel with Murat Campbell officiating. Interment was held in the Berryman Cemetery.

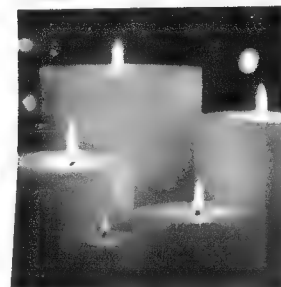
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This past week, we wrapped up a fabulous, shabby chic reno and looking around the absolutely beautiful rooms (if I must say so myself), I'm reminded of the power of white.

White on white on white is a wonderful designer trick for incredibly stylish spaces for any style of décor: shabby, country, traditional and even modern. Do all the whites need to match?

No. In fact, I think it creates a more interesting palette if the whites are mixed up a little, even adding a touch of cream here and there.

What if my floor is not white and I can't change it? No problem. In the reno I'm chatting about we actually laid a stunning hickory distressed hardwood floor as a base for our all-white décor, then we added a white sheepskin rug and began bringing in natural, linen-covered furniture and accessories.

What if I can't afford all new furniture? Again, no problem. We actually painted the client's dark wood dining table and chairs white to fit in. If it's upholstery furniture, instead of buying new try purchasing slipcovers. Even accessories can be painted. We often paint vases, candlesticks, scones etc.

Time to share a couple of tricks of the trade to help you achieve successful all-white rooms:

When designing with all white, it's imperative that you make the room's textures the interesting element. This is why we started with a sheepskin rug on the floor, then the rough natural linens, then layered in ceramic whites, some metallic for a smooth shiny finish and even a polished white Carrara marble tabletop.

On top of the plain white walls we added plaster mouldings to create even more texture and white ceiling medallions around the chandeliers and above the window frames. The finishing touch will be when we hang the beautiful white sheer draperies later this week.

Diversifying and layering your textures will create that incredible Archi-

tectural Digest-worthy look you're trying to accomplish regardless of whether you are designing a chic contemporary space or a cozy eclectic room.

It's white hard to live with in a house with dogs, cats and children?

Not at all. Buy washable fabrics and your white carpets will actually last long and wear better because you will have a natural tendency to vacuum more and it's that grit and dirt at the base of the fibres that wear down carpet.

White marble tabletops are as easy to clean as anything and white paint is paint, buy good quality and you'll have good washability for years to come. Wallpaper is another favourite element in the white-on-white room and it wears better than paint and adds yet another texture and, of course, pattern to the room.

Now go for a walk in the garden, sit on the dock, enjoy a glass of wine and envision your room all white! That's fabulous living.

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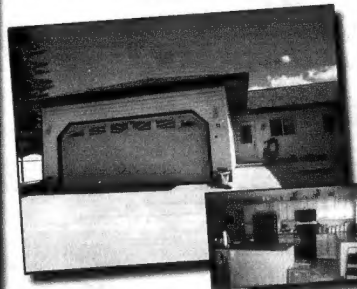
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